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April 26, 2016

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 26th day of April, 2016, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Michael Gillette, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 6

Absent: Tweedy 1

// Mayor Gillette asked that the following announcement be read into the record:

"Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(B) of the Code of Virginia, the Lynchburg City Council may be holding closed meetings at undisclosed locations within the following fifteen days for the purpose of continuing discussion regarding candidates for the position of City Manager."

// Mayor Gillette announced that he had received an invitation from our Sister City in Rueil-Malmaison, France to visit Lynchburg to celebrate the 20-year exchange between the two cities. Council agreed to host a visit from Rueil-Malmaison delegation sometime in late summer.

// Mayor Gillette read a proclamation observing Municipal Clerks Week, May 1 through May 7, 2016.

// Mayor Gillette recognized Kyna Thomas, CMC of the City of Lynchburg, who has earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Inc.

// City Manager Kimball Payne stated that City Council is being asked to finalize the budget so that the appropriate resolutions can be prepared for the May 10 meeting. The items that were still on the "List" included the following:

- School Compensation – Provide funding for 2% General Fund Compensation Adjustment for 7 months including benefits (December 2016 – June 2017)
- School Compensation – Eliminate funding for Targeted Market Adjustments
- Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC)
- City Compensation – Provide funding for 2% General Fund Compensation Adjustment for 7 months including benefits (December 2016 – June 2017)
- City Compensation - Provide funding for \$250 Employee Bonus (subject to withholding) including benefits
- City Compensation – Provide funding for \$250 Employee Bonus (grossed up to \$406) including benefits

The discussion began with the two items regarding school compensation for 2% pay raise and targeted market adjustments. Several solutions were suggested regarding the funds that were allocated for the 2% pay raise and the targeted market adjustments. Council Member Helgeson made a motion to reduce the City's contribution to the Schools by \$800,000 and retain the other \$800,000 for City purposes. Council Member Perrow seconded the motion. Several Council Members stated they would be voting against the motion to reduce allocation to the Schools. The motion failed by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Helgeson 1

Noes: Foster, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 5

Absent: Tweedy 1

A discussion centered on a funding concept stated by Mayor Gillette to recognize and take advantage of

the additional State's contribution that had been placed in the Schools budget after it had been prepared to support compensation of \$462,000 and reducing the total City funds compensation by \$327,627. Mayor Gillette stated that the City could not afford to support the target market adjustment and also provide a 2% raise. Council Member Perrow made a motion to reduce the local funding by \$327,627 to the Schools. Council Member Nelson seconded the motion. Council Member Johnson stated he would be voting against this motion to reduce the Schools' funding. The motion is to reduce the City Manager's recommended budget to the City Schools by \$327,627. The motion passed by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette	5
Noes: Johnson	1
Absent: Tweedy	1

The Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) was on the list to reduce the proposed increase in City contribution to GLTC by \$281,767. Council discussed several items including fuel reduction and ridership. Council Member Helgeson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Perrow to reduce the City Manager's recommended increased allocation to GLTC by \$131,767. Several Council Members stated they were not in favor of cutting the funding to GLTC. The motion is to reduce the allocation by \$131,767. The motion failed by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Helgeson	1
Noes: Foster, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette	5
Absent: Tweedy	1

The last three items for discussion from Council is Compensation for City Employees. Council discussed five options regarding employee compensation. Council Member Foster made a motion, seconded by Council Member Johnson to provide a 2% pay increase for 6 months to City employees starting January 1, 2017. This motion passed by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Tweedy	1

City Manager Kimball Payne stated that the Budget Resolutions would be prepared to present to Council at the May 10, 2016 Council meeting.

// There were no roll call items.

// City Council recessed the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

// City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The following Members were present:

Present: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette	6
Absent: Tweedy	1

Council Member Foster gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 50.

// Mayor Gillette asked for a motion to add an item to the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Johnson to add the FY 2016 Third Quarter Adopted Budget item to the Consent agenda. Council by the following recorded vote agreed to add this item to the Consent agenda:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Tweedy 1

In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-16-032 to amend the FY 2016 Third Quarter Adopted Budget and appropriate funds to implement revenue, expenditure, and transfer adjustments, laid over from the April 12, 2016 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Foster, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Tweedy 1

// In the matter of Fire – General, Resolution #R-16-029 to amend the FY 2016 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$75,000 with resources from the 2015 State Homeland Security Program grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to fund replacement of aged equipment for Technical Rescue Teams, laid over from the April 12, 2016 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Foster, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Tweedy 1

// In the matter of Bonds, Resolution #R-16-034 amending the FY 2016 General, Water, and Sewer Funds' Operating Budgets to provide appropriations totaling \$400,000 with resources from the General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2016 for costs associated with the issuance, laid over from the April 12, 2016 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Foster, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Tweedy 1

// In the matter of City Council, Kate Ruehle, president of the Mayor's Youth Council, spoke before Council regarding the upcoming Lighten' Up Lynchburg-5K Run/Walk to Fight Childhood Obesity and unveiled their new logo.

// In the matter of City Council/Region 2000, City Council Report #6 was considered. On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted

Resolution #R-16-039, as presented, designating the City of Lynchburg as a Purple Heart Community and asking that area localities join the City in proclaiming Region 2000 as a Purple Heart Region:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Tweedy 1

// In the matter of Parks and Recreation – General, City Council Report #7 was considered. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-16-040, as presented, to approve a Space Use Agreement between the City of Lynchburg and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lynchburg to operate a year-round Boys and Girls Club Youth Program at the Jefferson Park Community Center for a three year period:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Tweedy 1

// In the matter of Economic Development – General, City Council Report #8 was considered. Council Member Perrow made the following statement. “My wife is on the Board of Amazement Square and is not compensated. It is a voluntary position; therefore, it does not constitute a conflict of interest and I will participate in the discussion and voting of this item.”

On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-16-041, as presented, for an Industrial Revitalization Fund Application in support of Amazement Square's Education Center:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Tweedy 1

// On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote elected to hold a closed meeting for discussion of prospective candidates for the position of the City Manager, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A.) (1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Tweedy 1

// The meeting was re-opened to the public.

// Council Member Johnson made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lynchburg has convened a closed meeting on this date, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Lynchburg certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by Council.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson, and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Tweedy	1

// The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Clerk of Council